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TAGS: OVIP (PRESIDENT FORD), KS, US

SUBJECT: KOREAN GROUP PROTESTS PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO ROK

1. CLAIMING TO REPRESENT MAJORITY OF 300,000 PRO-ROK KOREANS IN JAPAN, THREE REPS OF "NATIONAL CONGRESS FOR DEMOCRACY AND UNIFICATION IN KOREA" DELIVERED TO EMBASSY PROTEST AGAINST PRESIDENT FORD'S VISIT TO ROK. PROTEST LETTER NOTED RESOLUTION BY 3000 SOUTH KOREANS DURING DEMONSTRATION IN TOKYO NOV 13 PROTESTING PRESIDENT'S VISIT AND CHARGED THAT PARK "ROBBED KOREANS OF INALIENABLE RIGHTS", EXECUTED MANY FOR "CRIME OF CHERISHING LIBERTY", "PROSTITUTED KOREAN WOMEN FOR JAPANESE TOURISTS", AND TORTURED POLITICAL PRISONERS. DESPITE WHAT USG MIGHT CLAIM, GROUP SAID PRESIDENT'S VISIT ENDORSED PARK AND AROUSED "COLD FURY" IN HEARTS OF SOUTH KOREAN PEOPLE. VISIT WILL EVOKE, FOR FIRST TIME, ANTI-AMERICAN SENTIMENT IN ROK. ONE REP, CHUNG J.J., WHO HEADS COMMITTEE TO RESCUE KIM DAE JUNG, ASKED THAT PRESIDENT FORD, NEVERTHELESS, MENTION KIM'S WELFARE TO PARK CHUNG HEE. THEY EXPRESSED HOPE PRESIDENT WOULD MEET RESPONSIBLE OPPOSITION LEADERS IN ROK.

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2. SPOKESMAN WAS VERY ARTICULATE IN ENGLISH. WELL-DRESSED, WELL-MANNERED, THEY APPEARED TO BE PROSPEROUS, POLITICAL MODERATES, PROBABLY INFLUENTIAL IN KOREAN COMMUNITY IN JAPAN. (SPOKESMAN SAID THEY WERE NOT COMMUNISTS OR RADICALS.).
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